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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97-§1.98 and 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants call the attention of the Examiner to the following information.

Applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the following documents cited in International Application No. PCT/JP00/06951, the International Search Report and the International Preliminary Report in connection with this international application.

English language abstract of Japanese Patent Laid Open Publication No. 08-325436;
English language abstract of Japanese Patent Laid Open Publication No. 08-325437;
English language abstract of Japanese Patent Laid Open Publication No. 08-325438;
English language abstract of Japanese Patent Laid Open Publication No. 09-316445; and
English language abstract of Japanese Patent Laid Open Publication No. 10-126052.

Copies of the International Search Report and International Preliminary Examination

Report in English were enclosed with the application papers when entering the National Stage in

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the present application on April 02, 2002. The Examiner is invited to review these materials to see the relevance indicated during international examination with respect to the documents cited therein.

In addition, Applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the following documents:

Japanese Patent Laid Open Publication No. 10-314713 as cited at line 1 of page 3 of the specification;

English language abstract of Japanese Patent Laid Open Publication No. 10-314713;

Japanese Patent Laid Open Publication No. 10-314716; and

English language abstract of Japanese Patent Laid Open Publication No. 10-314716.

Copies of the above-noted documents are enclosed together a dully completed Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to consider each of these documents, and to make them of record in this application by initialing in the appropriate spaces on the Form PTO-1449. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner include a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449

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Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, the undersigned may be contacted at the below listed telephone number.

> Respectfully submitted. Katsuji SHIBATA et al.

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